

# Despondent Nag Takes Own Life In 20 Foot Leap

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There was a time, long before the local mill yard was filled in and built up to its comparatively level and solid surface, that a tramway trestle lead from the old dock and sawmill to the paper mill yard and to the paper mill proper. There were spots along the way which were a number of feet in height from the lower levels of the yard. A solid decking was built between the rails to insure a sure footing for the horses used, at that time, to pull the loaded tram cars from the dock to the mill, and vice versa.

One day a car pulled by a melancholy old horse was stopped near the sulphite plant for the purpose of unloading wood for the grinders. No one knows just what was transpiring in that animal's mind, perhaps he was thinking that there was no future in hauling heavy loads all day and getting nothing for it but a good feed at night and a comfortable bed.

At any rate, when the car was partly unloaded the horse, looking over the trestle, which was fully 20 feet from the ground, suddenly made one tremendous effort and breaking through the collar of his harness, plunged to a tragic end in the mill yard below. And that is the true story of the horse that committed suicide!